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CHAPTER 164

## **HOUSE BILL 2370**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 20-1251, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1256; RELATING TO GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 20-1251, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

## 20-1251. Requirements for group contracts

- A. No life insurance policy shall be delivered in this state insuring the lives of more than one individual unless to one of the groups as provided for in section 20-1251.01 and sections 20-1252 through 20-1255 20-1256 and unless in compliance with the other applicable provisions of those sections.
- B. Subsection A of this section shall not apply to life insurance policies:
- 1. Insuring only individuals related by marriage, blood or legal adoption.
- 2. Insuring only individuals having a common interest through ownership of a business enterprise, or a substantial legal interest or equity therein, and who are actively engaged in the management thereof.
- 3. Insuring only individuals otherwise having an insurable interest in each other's lives.
- C. Nothing in this article validates any charge or practice illegal under any rule of law or regulation governing usury, consumer lender loans, retail installment sales or the like, or extends the application of any such rule of law or regulation to any transaction not otherwise subject thereto.
- Sec. 2. Title 20, chapter 6, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 20-1256, to read:

## 20-1256. Association groups

THE LIVES OF A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS MAY BE INSURED UNDER A POLICY ISSUED TO AN ASSOCIATION, OR TO A TRUST OR TO THE TRUSTEE OF A FUND ESTABLISHED, CREATED OR MAINTAINED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ONE OR MORE ASSOCIATIONS. THE ASSOCIATION, TRUST OR TRUSTEE SHALL BE DEEMED THE POLICYHOLDER, TO INSURE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OR ASSOCIATIONS, EMPLOYEES OF THE ASSOCIATION OR ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS OTHER THAN THE ASSOCIATION OR ASSOCIATIONS OR ANY OF ITS OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES OR AGENTS, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. THE ASSOCIATION OR ASSOCIATIONS MUST HAVE A CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND MUST BE ORGANIZED AND MAINTAINED IN GOOD FAITH FOR A PURPOSE OTHER THAN OBTAINING INSURANCE.
  - 2. THE POLICY MUST COVER AT LEAST TWO PERSONS AT THE DATE OF ISSUE.
- 3. THE POLICY MAY PROVIDE THAT THE TERM "EMPLOYEES" SHALL INCLUDE RETIRED EMPLOYEES.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 26, 2004.

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